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**Governor Leon Guerrero Signs Executive Order No. 2021-08; DPHSS Issues Guidance Memo 2021-12; Avoid Sharing Unofficial and Unverified Information**

**Governor Leon Guerrero Signs Executive Order No. 2021-08**

Today, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order No. 2021-08 relative to further amending restrictions in Pandemic Condition of Readiness 3 (PCOR 3), and orders such that:

- **EFFECTIVE AT 8:00AM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021** , places of worship may increase occupancy to no more than seventy five percent (75%) of occupancy load. Places of worship intending to operate under this modified occupancy load must submit revised facility mitigation plans to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) in order to operate under this Section. Places of worship shall additionally observe all mitigation measures imposed in applicable DPHSS guidance, including, but not limited to, social distancing of at least six (6) feet and posting of appropriate signage; frequent cleaning of all surfaces; and mandating the wearing of face masks. Congregants of places of worship operating shall follow all mitigation measures imposed in furtherance of DPHSS Guidance.
- **EFFECTIVE AT 8:00AM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021**, contact athletics, including those available at educational institutions, may resume competition subject to applicable DPHSS Guidance, which shall include limits on spectators, requirements for sanitization, and the wearing of masks whenever practicable.
- **EFFECTIVE AT 8:00AM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021** , indoor dining at eating and drinking establishments shall be permitted to increase occupancy to no more than seventy five percent (75%) of occupancy load, subject to requirement and limitations set forth in applicable DPHSS Guidance. Tables shall continue to be limited to no more than eight (8) persons when dining indoors, with six (6) feet distance between tables. Outdoor diners may be seated with no more than fifteen (15) persons per table, with six (6) feet between tables.
- **MANDATORY SOCIAL DISTANCING:** All allowed activities shall be conducted utilizing mitigation measures identified in applicable DPHSS guidance memoranda, which may including, but not limited to, social distancing of at least six (6) feet and posting of appropriate signage; frequent cleaning of all surfaces; mandating the wearing of face masks unless engaged in physical exercise, eating or drinking; and permitting/encouraging teleworking.

The community is reminded that pursuant to 26 GAR Chapter 4 Article 28, fines may be imposed for violations of various mandates in applicable DPHSS Guidance Memoranda. All prior Executive Orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with Executive Order 2021-08.

**DPHSS Issues Guidance Memo 2021-12**

Yesterday, DPHSS issued [Guidance Memo 2021-12](#), relative to outdoor graduation ceremony requirements for high schools and institutions of higher education (IHE). The requirements set forth in DPHSS Guidance Memo 2021-12 are intended to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 while providing the option for high schools and IHEs to have alternative graduation ceremonies.

DPHSS Guidance Memo 2021-12 provides general requirements and restrictions for social distancing, cleaning and disinfecting, with mandates which include, but are not limited to the following:

- Prohibition on indoor, in-person ceremonies
- Attendees must be limited to school faculty and staff, graduates, and no more than four (4) guests per graduate provided that the outdoor area can accommodate the required physical distancing
- Attendees must pre-register with each school prior to the graduation ceremony in order to be allowed entrance to attend the event
- All attendees (graduates, family members/guests, school staff and faculty) must wear face masks at all times
- All high school graduates are able to be physically distanced from each other by 3 feet of space
- Each graduate's group of guests, with no more than 4 persons per graduate, are to be physically distanced between each group by 6 feet
- High-touch areas and toilet facilities should be properly staffed to service, clean, and disinfect prior to, during, and after the event

To view DPHSS Guidance Memo 2021-12 in its entirety, click [HERE](#).

All high schools and IHEs intending to hold outdoor graduation ceremonies must develop and submit a detailed COVID-19 mitigation plan to DPHSS at least 21 days prior to the scheduled graduation ceremony. All plans should be sent via email to [dphss-deh@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:dphss-deh@dphss.guam.gov). Schools which anticipate holding graduation ceremonies sooner than 21 days from April 13, 2021 are to contact DPHSS Division of Environmental Health (DEH) immediately.

Inquiries about DPHSS Guidance Memo 2021-12 can be made by contacting the DPHSS DEH at 300-9579 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and holidays, or via email [dphss-deh@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:dphss-deh@dphss.guam.gov).

### **Avoid Sharing Unofficial and Unverified Information**

The Joint Information Center is aware of unverified messages circulating on chat groups and social media about applying for a COVID-19 federal relief fund that takes users to a false link. The community is reminded to only share verified, official information with others to avoid the spread of misinformation.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [dphss.guam.gov](https://dphss.guam.gov) or [guamrecovery.com](https://guamrecovery.com). For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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